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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: RCRA Permit Priorities Guidance

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TO: Regional Enforcement Division Directors
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Attached is a draft of guidance on priorities for processing RCRA permits for your review and comment. The guidance is intended to provide a method to categorize and establish priorities for processing RCRA permit applications. Please recognize and be cautioned that the final form of the Phase II, Part 264 regulations is not set at this time and that decisions as to processing of permits may have to be revised to align with the structure of the Phase II regulations.

We invite your comments and suggestions on the approach outlined in this guidance, with the understanding that these priorities are subject to reordering. For those of you planning on attending the National Permits meeting or the RCRA Subtitle C meeting, this subject will be addressed on October 8 and 9, respectively. Please address comments and questions to Robert Brook, Permits Division (EN-336), OWE (8/755-0750), or Art Glazer, OSW (WH-563) (8/755-9150) by October 24.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attachment (A copy of this guidance may be requested)

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